

**MAY 2003 AGENDA**

SUBJECT	X	ACTION
	X	INFORMATION
		PUBLIC HEARING
Request by the New West Charter Middle School Petitioners To Establish New Deadlines for Meeting State Board of Education Conditions of Approval to Open.		

Recommendation:

The CDE analysis and recommendations will be provided in the supplemental mailing.

Summary of Previous State Board of Education Discussion and Action

The State Board of Education, at its December 2001 meeting, approved the New West Charter Middle School petition subject to numerous conditions with various deadlines. Two of those conditions, SELPA participation and identification of facilities to be used for the first year, were not met in spite of an extension of the deadlines by the State Board at its May 2001 meeting. As a result, New West did not open in 2002-03. The State Board, at its October 2002 meeting, established a new deadline of May 1, 2003, for New West to meet the conditions so that the school could open in 2003-04.

Summary of Key Issue(s)

New West, with assistance from State Board and CDE staff, has negotiated a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) that will treat students at New West the same as students in district approved charter schools for purposes of the provision of special education services and programs. This agreement is the equivalent of participation in a SELPA, and therefore, fulfills the State Board condition of approval related to this issue. The LAUSD governing board is going to consider the MOU at its meeting on April 22, 2003. There are indications that the governing board has concerns about the MOU and might not approve it at the April 22 meeting. New West is requesting that new deadlines for meeting conditions of approval be established in order to give the petitioners time to work out the issues.

Fiscal Analysis (as appropriate)

To be provided as necessary with the supplemental mailing.

Attachment(s)

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